

Green Thumbs, Green Minds

Seed Library, Tool Lending Library and
Community Access for a greener
Alameda

At the Alameda Free Library

This presentation will answer the following questions.

- What is a Seed Library?
- What is a Tool Lending Library?
- What kind of community access will it bring?
- What are the Major Goals?
- How will success be measured?
- Who has helped bring this about?

What is a Seed Library?

- The seed library provides edible plant seeds to the community.
- Customers can borrow seeds after attending a brief orientation.
- Customers are asked to let at least one plant go to seed and bring those seeds back to the library.

First Workshop: Container Gardening



What is a Tool Lending Library?

- Located at the Main Library.
- Starting with 50 high quality gardening hand tools.
- Residents of Alameda can check out tools just like checking out a book.

Second Workshop: Building with Bamboo



What kind of community access will it bring?

- Monthly Gardening workshops presented by Ploughshares Nursery at the Main Library.
- Written materials translated into Chinese (Mandarin), Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.
- Seed drop off locations at participating nurseries and hardware stores.
- Eventually will include classroom visits.

Terrific Terrariums Workshop



What are the Major Goals?

- Increase library usage and community involvement.
- Increase food independence in Alameda.
- Increase transmission of knowledge from one generation to the next.
- Increase diversity of edible plant life and nurture strains suited to our specific environment.

Wreath Making Workshop



How will success be measured?

- Circulation counts on tools.
- Number of seeds checked out.
- Attendance at monthly workshops.
- Evaluation forms on Monthly workshops.
- Evaluation forms from classroom visits.



Who has helped bring this about?

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